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[Inclosure No. 2.]

*Instructions to health officers, issued by order of State board of health of Colorado.*

JUNE 11, 1901.

Under the law you are responsible for the control of contagious diseases in your jurisdiction. It is your duty to demand from every householder and from every physician practicing in your jurisdiction an immediate report of every case of contagious disease. Blanks are furnished for this purpose by the State board of health. It is then your duty to immediately forward such reports, properly countersigned, to the State board of health.

*Quarantine and disinfection.*—The law holds you responsible for quarantine and disinfection. The regulations of the State board of health as to each contagious disease are found on the back of the report blanks and in circular No. 22.

*Vaccination.*—The health officer should compel the immediate vaccination of all exposed to smallpox, taking an officer along, if necessary.

*Disinfection.*—Full directions as to disinfection are found in circular No. 22. The State board of health will insist that its directions as to disinfection be rigidly followed out.

*Quarantine.*—Quarantine means that the person or persons shall not be permitted to mingle at all with the unquarantined, and that no one shall go into or come out of a quarantined house, except a delegated officer of the local board of health, State board of health, nurse, or physician acting under the board of health. No letters, papers, or other material shall be permitted to leave a quarantined house. No exception whatever shall be made to this rule.

*Diphtheria.*—The State board of health makes free examinations in diphtheria cases and cases of suspected sore throats. Each county has a supply depot where mailing cases can be secured.

Careful attention to the above rules will be expected.

Questions will be cheerfully answered and assistance given local health officers in every possible way.

*Inspection of vessels for Cape Nome at Seattle.*

SEATTLE, WASH., June 7, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels have been inspected at this station before sailing for Cape Nome: April 29, steamer *Jeanie*, crew, 25; passengers, 49; steamer *Nome City*, crew, 43; passengers, 104. May 9, steamer *Dora*, crew, 26; passengers, 70. May 27, steamer *Santa Anna*, crew, 37; passengers, 38. May 29, steamer *Roanoke*, crew, 45; passengers, 187; steamer *Senator*, crew, 87; passengers, 261.

Respectfully,

CHAS. B. FORD,  
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Disinfection of the schooner Zularmira.*

BOSTON, MASS., June 10, 1901.

SIR: Schooner *Zularmira*, from Brava, Cape Verde Islands via New Bedford, arrived in quarantine June 8. All persons on board were removed to Galloupes Island, bathed, and clothing sterilized at temperature of 230° F. for thirty minutes. All quarters of vessel were subjected to a preliminary disinfection by burning roll sulphur, 8 pounds per 1,000 cubic feet for ten hours. All bedding fabrics of any kind were then removed and sterilized by steam 230° F. for thirty minutes. All woodwork was washed with 5 per cent solution of formalin. All quarters were then disinfected by 10 per cent volume of formaldehyde gas for twenty-four hours. Hold was not deemed infected, but was disinfected by burning roll sulphur, 8 pounds per 1,000 cubic feet for forty-eight hours. All persons on board were vaccinated at New Bedford, but were revaccinated at this port as a matter of extra precaution.

Respectfully,

PAUL CARSON,  
Port Physician.